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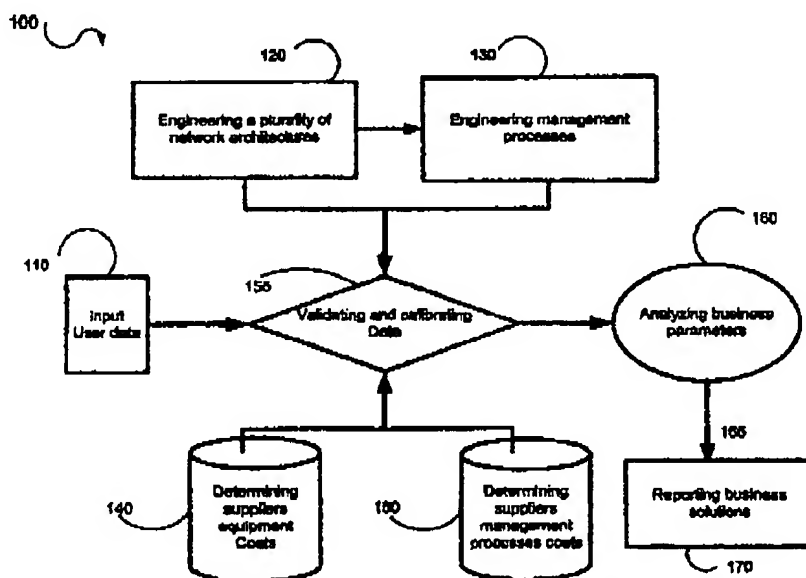
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(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

An operations, management, capacity, and services (OMCS) tool and method are presented for analyzing business parameters for a plurality of network architectures; and comparing the business parameters for said network architectures for determining cost savings of one network architecture versus another and for determining a business solution that articulates the network architecture for reducing total expenditure. The business parameters comprise capital expenditure (CAPEX), operational expenditure (OPEX), total expenditure, revenue, capacity, return on investment (ROI), and other business and financial statistics. The OMCS tool and method determine the business solution for an owned, a leased, or partially owned and leased telecommunications network. The business solution further comprises network architecture having network elements (NEs), customer premise equipment (CPE), and links from the same or different equipment suppliers; and having network, service, and customer management processes from the same or different management processes suppliers.

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